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**DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 4/3**

**COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES**

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1 Pursuant to National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 4, paragraph 1, the following comprehensive national intelligence objectives, generally applicable to all foreign countries and areas, are hereby established:

- a. Basic descriptive data as outlined in NIS Standard Instructions
- b. Social, economic, and political stability and trends of development, susceptibility to foreign influence or coercion, vulnerability to subversion
- c. Military capabilities and vulnerabilities, offensive and defensive, including economic, scientific and technical, and psychological factors
- d. Capabilities to influence, coerce, or subvert other governments and peoples, capabilities for espionage, sabotage, and other clandestine operations in other countries
- e. Foreign policy including strategic concepts and intentions, international alignment, with particular reference to alignment with or against the US or the USSR, disposition and intention to interfere in the internal affairs of other states, preparation for and intention to resort to armed action against other states

2 Priority national intelligence objectives, with reference to specific countries and subjects, will be set forth in a separate DCID.

3 DCID 4-1 "National Intelligence Objectives," 5 February 1948, is hereby rescinded.

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